

CLAIMS

1. An encapsulated product, comprising:

- 5 a) a therapeutically-effective amount of a pharmaceutical;
- b) at least one compressible material;
- c) at least one lubricating material; and
- 10 d) wherein said product is in the form of a caplet having a diameter from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters and a length from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters.

2. The encapsulated product of claim 1 wherein said pharmaceutical is selected from the group consisting of:

15 antitussives, antihistamines, decongestants, alkaloids, mineral supplements, laxatives, antacids, ion exchange resins, anti-cholesterolemics, antiarrhythmics, antipyretics, analgesics, appetite suppressants, expectorants, anti-anxiety agents, anti-ulcer agents, anti-inflammatory substances, coronary dilators, cerebral dilators, peripheral vasodilators,

20 anti-infectives, psychotropics, antimanics, stimulants, gastrointestinal agents, sedatives, anti-diarrheal preparations, anti-anginal drugs, vasodialators, anti-hypertensive drugs, vasoconstrictors, migraine treatments, antibiotics, tranquilizers, anti-psychotics, antitumor drugs, anticoagulants,

25 antithrombotic drugs, hypontics, anti-emetics, anti-nausants, anti-convulsants, neuromuscular drugs, hyper- and hypoglycemic spasmodics, uterine relaxants, mineral and nutritional additives, antiobesity drugs, anabolic drugs, erythropoietic drugs, antiashmatics, cough suppressants, mucolytics,

30 anti-uricemic drugs and mixtures thereof.

3. The encapsulated product of claim 2, wherein the said pharmaceutical is a psychotropic.

4. The encapsulated product of claim 3, wherein said
5 psychotropic is a anti-anxiety therapeutic.

5. The encapsulated product of claim 3, wherein said psychotropic is an insomnia therapeutic.

10 6. The encapsulated product of claim 3, wherein said psychotropic is an antidepressant.

15 7. The encapsulated product of claim 6, wherein said antidepressant is selected from the group consisting of Fluoxetine HCl, Paroxetine HCl, Sertraline HCl, and Venlafaxine HCl, Amitriptyline, Nortriptyline, Imipramine, Desipramine, Doxepin, Trimipramine, Clomipramine, Protriptyline, Amoxapine, Maprotiline, Phenelzine, Tranylcypromine, Fluvoxamine, Venlafaxine, Trazodone, Nefazodone, Mirtazapine, Bupropion, or
20 mixtures thereof.

8. The encapsulated product of claim 7, wherein said pharmaceutical is Fluoxetine HCl.

25 9. The encapsulated product of claim 2, wherein said pharmaceutical is a gastrointestinal therapeutic.

10. The encapsulated product of claim 9, wherein said gastrointestinal therapeutic is a ulcer therapeutic.

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11. The encapsulated product of claim 10, wherein said

ulcer therapeutic is selected from the group consisting of Omeprazole, Lansoprazole, Ranitidine HCl, Famotidine, Nizatidine, Teprenone, Cimetidine, Rabeprazole sodium, Sulpiride, or mixtures thereof.

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12. The encapsulated product of claim 11, wherein said ulcer therapeutic is Omeprazole.

10 13. The encapsulated product of claim 9, wherein said gastrointestinal therapeutic is a anti-emetic.

15 14. The encapsulated product of claim 13, wherein said anti-emetic is selected from the group consisting of Ondansetron HCl, Granisetron HCl, dimenhydrinate, Tropisetron, Dolasetron mesylate, Cisapride, Sulfasalazine, Balsalazide, Infliximab, or mixtures thereof.

20 15. The encapsulated product of claim 14, wherein said anti-emetic is dimenhydrinate.

25 16. The encapsulated product of claim 9, wherein said gastrointestinal therapeutic is a anti-diarrheal therapeutic.

17. The encapsulated product of claim 16, wherein said anti-diarrheal therapeutic is selected from the group consisting of Loperamide HCl, diphenoxylate, codeine phosphate, camphorated opium tincture, or mixtures thereof.

30 18. The encapsulated product of claim 17, wherein said anti-diarrheal therapeutic is Loperamide HCl